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# In the news OWS member brings gun into courthouse

A member of Occupy Wall Street was arrested after he tried to bring a gun into Manhattan Criminal Court yesterday, according to DNAInfo. John Dekupper, 52, tried to bring a Colt .45 handgun and five rounds of ammunition through security when he appeared for an arrest stemming from an Oct. 15 protest in Times Square. METRO/CB

#### In the news



Playboy payout Former Playboy Play-mate Stephanie Adams was awarded \$1.2 million from the city Tuesday, after she suffered permanent neck and back injuries after being manhandled by police in 2006. NYPD Sergeant John Rajan admitted in court he made a "controlled drop to the ground" to subdue Adams because he didn't know if she had a firearm, according to reports.

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# Clubs skirt loosie laws

● Individual cigarettes sold in posh places under city's nose ● Bathroom attendants risk \$1,000 fine or even jail for selling cigs ● High taxes or high demand create black market?

A bottle of vodka may cost \$500 at a New York nightclub, but bathroom attendants risk \$1,000 fines every time they sell a cigarette.

Bathroom attendants in several posh drinking spots are selling individual cigarettes, or loosies, for a buck a piece. It's a misdemeanor under city and state law, but some wonder if the city is looking the other way when it comes to cracking down on loosie sales at upscale locales.

More than 5,000 people have been arrested for selling untaxed cigarettes and tobacco products in New York City since 2008, and 247 so far this year, according to the NYPD.

Russell Novak, an attorney with Legal Aid who often defends people who hawk loosies on the street, said he has never heard of a bathroom attendant being charged with the crime.



"It's an interesting enforcement question. Why is one tolerated and one is not?" he asked.

At Financial District gastropub The Fulton, Metro discovered a bathroom attendant selling loosies next to gum, candy and deodorant. When Metro approached him, he said that he wasn't "selling" the cigarettes, but expected a \$1 tip if a client wanted to smoke one.

Novak said that sort of argument wouldn't hold up in court.

"It's a novel theory," Novak said. "Would it fly in court, probably not. It's a real crime."

Novak said that people who sell loosies are traditionally charged with unlicensed vending under city law or the sale of untaxed tobacco, a state law.

One of his clients who sold

loosies on the street in Midtown, Lonnie Warner, has been arrested dozens of times for the crime, even spending time at Rikers. According to state law, first-time untaxed tobacco offenders are hit with a \$1,000 fine and repeat offenders are charged with a felony.

Software engineer Dan Fried, 26, of Sunset Park said that he's seen many bathroom attendants peddling loosies at high-end places in the Meatpacking District, Midtown and Murray Hill.

"They cater to people to whom high-endness is important," said Fried. "[It's] a very particular kind of bar or club.

"The bathroom attendants are hustlers," he added. "I don't know if they know it's illegal."



#### Hard to monitor?

It's hard for owners to track everything inside their businesses, said Andrew Rigie, of the New York State Restaurant Association.

Matt Shendel, president of Paige Management Group, which runs The Fulton and The Ainsworth, said he had no idea what was going on in his bathrooms. "We employ independent contractors and know nothing about it." Shendel said.

A spokeswoman for the city Health Department said she didn't know anything about loosie sales at nightclubs, but Health Department inspectors who observe the sale of loose cigarettes will cite the businesses.

#### Quoted

"With the price of cigarettes, not everyone's going to pay 14 dollars. Any of the big clubs in the Meatpacking District sell them."

SAMANTHA MILLER, 26, WILLIAMSBURG

### Leave the loosies alone

Andrew Rigie, of the New York State Restaurant Association, said the sale of loosies in nightclubs was once commonplace.

"As long as there's a demand for something, there may be an employee that

will try to sell cigarettes," said Rigie, who said the NYSRA encourages restaurants to follow the law.

Samantha Miller, 26, of Williamsburg suggests the expensive cigarette prices in the city support bathroom attendants' illegal business. "It should be legal. Sometimes you just want one," she said.

# Boy, 8, shot in arm in the Bronx in 'ride-by'

**SOUNDVIEW.** An 8-year-old boy did not cry after he was shot in the Bronx Tuesday night, instead thanking a store owner who tried to stop the bleeding and comforting his mother.

The boy was shot at around 8 p.m. in the shoulder while he was inside a store at the intersection of Randall and Rosedale avenues in the Soundview neighborhood of the Bronx. The gunman rode by on a bike and fired into the store, cops said, in a "ride-by."

The bodega owner told the New York Post, who identified the boy as Armando Bigo, that



the child did not cry after he was shot. Instead, he asked his mother why she was crying and even thanked the owner for applying pressure to the wound. Bigo, who is now in stable condition, had reportedly gone to the bodega to buy potato chips. 

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# **NYJL holds Winter Ball**

NEW YORK. The New York Junior League will celebrate 111 years of community service while holding its 60th annual Winter Ball, "Moonlight in Marrakesh" on Saturday, March 3.

The black tie gala will be held at the Pierre Hotel in Manhattan, and more than 400 guests are expected to attend. Ticket sales go toward the New York Junior League's community outreach initiatives. • METRO/SV

# Teens push 81-year-old onto subway tracks

BROOKLYN. An elderly man was shoved off the platform onto the subway tracks at the Lorimer Street stop after two teens stole his iPhone Friday.

The 81-year-old man was waiting for the J train at around 11:45 a.m. when he was robbed, police said. The man started to chase the thief, but an accomplice emerged and pushed him onto the tracks.

It is unclear how the man got off the tracks, but he was later taken to Woodhull hospital in a stable condition.

Police said the two



suspects are African-American teens, ages 16 to 18. • STEPHANIE VIDGEN metr⊕ new york NYC's #1 FREE DAILY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012 03



# Helping teens RISE to the top

Police Athletic League reaches out to teens who have been incarcerated
 Provides internship opportunities, mentoring and job placement

In the fall of 2010, Marquise Herbert got into a fight near his Bronx apartment. He was arrested, pleaded guilty and eventually received five years of probation.

His probation officer then sent him to the Police Athletic League's RISE program, which offers job placement and other services to teenage boys ages 16 to 19 who have been involved with the criminal court system.

"We want to empower them to take control of their lives," said RISE's founder, Bobby Ferazi.

Herbert, now 18, admits he was skeptical at first.

But he now says the program has helped him mature and get valuable work experience, including an internship in the Police Athletic League's grants department.

"They don't bug you," Her-

#### Teens treated like adults

New York is one of only two states that processes 16- to 18-year-olds in the adult criminal court system rather than in juvenile court. "If they're convicted they're sent to Rikers Island," said Bobby Ferazi of PAL, who added that a felony charge can follow them for life. "They may as well have an 'F' tattooed to their forehead."

• METRO/IG

Keep them

out of trouble

The Police Athletic League of New York City is an independent nonprofit that often works closely with the NYPD. Its mission is to "keep young people out of trouble by channeling their energies into recreational and athletic programs."

bert said about his RISE program supervisors. "They just really want to get you on track."

In another success, he also recently passed his GED test and plans to attend college this fall.

RISE was created in 2008 as an offshoot of the Police Athletic League's Youth Link program, which helps kids ages 11 to 16. Originally, RISE only had enough money to hire one parttime social worker, but this January a Capital One grant kicked in that will allow it to hire a full-time job developer and a full-time social worker.

The Capital One money will also pay for internships at PAL and for externships at restaurants, retail stores and elsewhere.

Right now, RISE has an active caseload of about a dozen teenagers, but Ferazi hopes to ramp that up to 50 or 75 by the end of the year.

"We ultimately want to track them for years to make sure they stay employed," Ferazi said. "We don't want to just put a Band-Aid on this."



#### **Opinion**

ALANA SWEENEY

#### Helping troubled youth

he Police Athletic
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youth living in the
most challenged communities of the city, which
have the highest rates of
poverty and juvenile crime.
With the support of PAL education, sports and

recreational activities, our youth gain the tools to become productive adult members of society.

PAL is unusual in that it also reaches out into the community to reconnect youth, who are truant from school, are under 16 and on probation, or who have fallen prey to youth "crews," causing them to be incarcerated at Rikers Island.

With the proper support, role models and positive activities, these youth can "RISE" beyond their experiences to have the chance to become our future leaders.

- Alana Sweeney is executive director of the Police Athletic League.

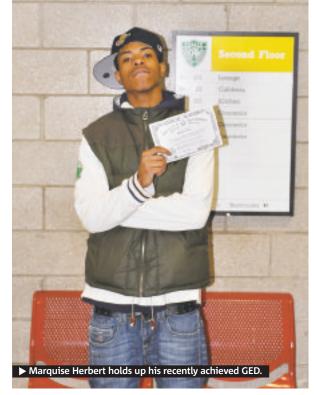
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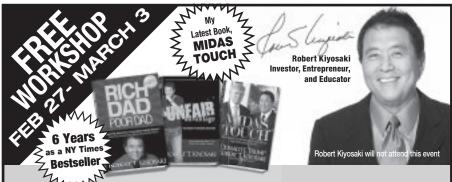
### What is the Police Athletic League?

In 1914, the thencommissioner of the NYPD, Arthur Woods, asked his police officers to do more than just fight crime: He wanted them to help some of the neediest New Yorkers in their precincts. Woods was particularly concerned about the lack of open space for New York City children to play and he started a citywide search for vacant lots, which could be converted into playgrounds.

Today, the organization Woods founded, along with Lower East Side police captain John Sweeney, is now known as the Police Athletic League, a nonprofit that helps set up safe recreation areas, after-school programs and mentoring for kids and teens.

Once a month, Metro will feature updates about what the Police Athletic League is doing and how they are working to help make New York City streets healthier and safer.





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# Officials propose bill to ban shark fins in NY

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▶ A bowl of shark fin soup can cost anywhere from \$35 to \$100.

New York City lawmakers are sinking their teeth into a hot debate over shark fins.

Legislation proposed Tuesday would make it illegal to possess shark fins in New York state. Flushing Assemblywoman Grace Meng cowrote the bill, saying sharks are rapidly disappearing because they're brutally slaughtered worldwide.

Shark fin is a traditional ingredient in Chinese cooking; right now, more than 50 restaurants in New York City serve the delicacy. It's typically found in shark fin soup, which can command anywhere from \$35 to \$100 per bowl.

"As a Chinese-American in New York, there are few symbols of greater wealth and property than shark fin," said Meng. "That being said — just because something has been a tradition, it doesn't mean it's necessarily right."

More than 100 million

14,000

Nearly 14,000 pounds of shark fin valuing \$685,747 was imported into New York in 2011, according to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

sharks a year are killed for their fins, according to Oceana, an international organization aimed at ocean protection. In international waters, shark fishers will often pull the animal on board and slice its fin while it's still alive before tossing it back into the ocean to drown. U.S. law prohibits finning at sea; the shark must be brought back to port to be processed.

"It's an important part of culture, but it is something that is very cruel," said Meng.

All types of sharks are targeted, though some species,

like whale sharks and hammerheads, are more valuable than others.

Shark fin soup is not an everyday dish in Chinese culture; it's traditionally served by the wealthy. Though the dish isn't as popular among younger generations of Chinese-Americans, it is often a staple at functions like weddings.

"If there's no shark fin, they'll maybe have to pick another option, like watercress," said Melissa Chen who works at Jin Fong, a Chinatown banquet hall that serves several varieties of shark fin soup.

Chen said she didn't think her customers would be too disappointed if shark fin was no longer available. Other Chinese restaurants, like Bo Wing Hong, have even already begun phasing the ingredient off their



# Could ban translate to elite popularity?

Sometimes a highly publicized controversy over food, such as debate over foie gras and bluefin tuna, can actually boost its popularity among diners looking to savor a taste of something exotic or elite, one food expert says.

Conrad Saam, vice president of marketing for Urbanspoon, cited Chef Ludo Lefebvre of LudoBites on the West Coast. An antifoie gras protest outside his restaurant spurred a bevvy of foodies looking to sample the dish in question.

"This is a microcosm of what happens in the market," Saam explained.
"Protests drive awareness, which in turns drives demand." METRO/CG

# Banned in other states

If legislation is approved, restaurant owners and consumers would have one year to use the shark fins they already have. After that, possessing shark fins could lead to thousands of dollars in fines and up to 15 days behind bars. California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington have already enacted similar legislation. • METRO/CG

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# **Bloomberg** defensive as fury grows over NYPD **Muslim spying**



The American Civil Liberties Union and the New York Civil Liberties Union yesterday called on Mayor Michael Bloomberg to investigate alleged NYPD spying on Muslim students, even though Bloomberg defended the NYPD's actions on Tuesday.

When asked at a press conference, Bloomberg said he does not understand why Yale University officials would have a problem with NYPD officers following their students.

An Associated Press report Saturday revealed that NYPD officers tracked Muslim college students upstate and while they attended colleges out of state. The police even sent one undercover officer on a white-water rafting trip with students.

The report alleged that officers followed people through student websites at Yale, the University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers and 13 other schools.

Yale President Richard Levin called the surveillance "antithetical to the values of Yale."

But Bloomberg disagreed, saying, "I don't know why keeping the country safe is antithetical to the values of Yale."

"Of course we're going to look at anything that's publicly available," he added on

NYPD Police Commissioner Ray Kelly has defended the police department's actions, saying officers only follow leads.

The NYCLU and ACLU disagree, saying the surveillance amounts to religious and racial profiling.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Newark Mayor Cory Booker expressed outrage that the NYPD spied on Muslims in Newark. "(This) strikes against my fundamental beliefs as an American," said Booker.



#### **College officials** speak out in anger

Yale President Richard Levin emailed a statement to all students, condemning the NYPD for monitoring his university's Muslim student associa-

"I am writing to state, in the strongest possible terms, that police surveillance based on religion, nationality or peacefully expressed political opinions is

antithetical to the values of Yale, the academic community, and the United States," Levin wrote.

Rutgers University requested an investigation into the monitoring, according to the AP, and Columbia University's spokesman told the wire service that the school "would obviously be concerned about anything that could chill our essential values of academic freedom or intrude on student privacy."



# Knicks' Jeremy Lin rents luxe condo at W Hotel in FiDi

FINANCIAL DISTRICT. Who needs White Plains? New York Knicks star Ieremy Lin is now renting a two-bedroom furnished condo at the W Hotel at 123 Washington Street in the Financial District.

Lin's new, 1,182-square-foot condo is at the Sunshine Select Residences, where rents go from \$3,600 to \$8,900 a month. In addition to a gym, the hotel also has a digital lounge, a movie screening room and a rooftop terrace.

The suite comes fully furnished, outfitted with \$35,000 worth of furniture, reports the

New York Post. The new digs are in addition to Lin's permanent residence at the Trump Tower in White Plains, but he will stay at the downtown hotel when he's in town for games. His home upstate is near where the Knicks practice in Greenburgh, N.Y. METRO/CB



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# France calls journalist deaths in Syrian attack 'assassination'

AMMAN. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces rained rockets and bombs down on opposition-held neighborhoods of the city of Homs, reducing buildings to rubble and killing more than 80 people, including two Western journalists.

The barrages marked an intensification of a nearly threeweek offensive to crush resistance in Homs, one of the focal points of a nationwide uprising against Assad's 11-year rule, and prompted further international condemnation.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy described the deaths of the two journalists, French photographer Remi Ochlik and American Marie Colvin of Britain's Sunday Times, as an assassination and said the Assad era had to end.

"That's enough now," Sarkozy said. "This regime must go and there is no reason that Syrians don't have the right to live their lives and choose their destiny freely. If journalists were not there, the massacres would be a lot worse." REUTERS

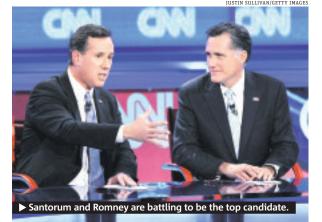
# Santorum at center stage in GOP debate

Rivals heaped criticism on surprise front-runner Rick Santorum in a debate among Republican presidential candidates last night, hoping to stall his surge at a pivotal period in the 2012 campaign.

Mitt Romney and libertarian Congressman Ron Paul tried to raise doubts about Santorum and questioned his fiscal conservative credentials based on his time in the U.S. Congress when he was an easy backer of government spending projects deemed wasteful by critics.

Paul, asked by CNN moderator John King why he had launched a campaign ad that labeled Santorum a "fake," responded: "Because he's a fake."

Romney, scrambling to make up for a deficit in the polls to Santorum, put the former senator from Pennsylvania on the defensive for backing a much-derided \$400 million "bridge to nowhere" proj-



ect in Alaska that was eventually abandoned.

Santorum fired back that Romney, as chief organizer of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, had sought similar government spending items known as "earmarks" and often deemed wasteful spending.

An NBC/Marist poll yesterday had Romney at 37 percent to Santorum at 35 percent among likely primary voters in Michigan, a statistical dead heat. REUTERS

# Poll: Obama still winning

Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum are running neckand-neck but neither would beat incumbent President Barack Obama, according to several polls released yesterday. Polls by The Associated Press/GfK and NBC News/ Marist show Santorum has gained enough to close in on Romney, who had been seen as the most likely nominee in a Republican field that still has four candidates vying for the party's nomination. REUTERS

#### Obama's tax plan

President
Barack
Obama
launched a
dialogue with
corporate

America yesterday over business tax reform, offering his first clear plan to cut the corporate tax rate, with little prospect of it becoming law in an election year.

He proposed cutting the top corporate tax rate to 28 percent from 35 percent. This would address U.S. corporations' long-standing gripe about the rate being too high.

### Romney seeks to cut top tax rate

Republican Mitt Romney, looking for a boost in his presidential campaign, proposed an overhaul of the tax system yesterday that he said would cut Americans' tax rates by 20 percent and limit deductions for the wealthy. Romney unveiled his proposals just hours after President Barack Obama offered a plan of his own to revamp the corporate tax system, calling for a cut in the corporate tax rate and the closure of many business tax loopholes. **REUTERS** 

# When a penny saved is a penny wasted

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itt Romney finally said something smart — though his campaign insists it was unintentional. "As you cut spending, you'll slow down the economy; so you have to, at the same time, create progrowth tax policies," Romney said on Tuesday.

By "pro-growth tax policies," Romney probably means net tax cuts for corporations and the rich, not tax increases. Nevertheless, Mitt Romney does appear to be arguing that cutting government spending

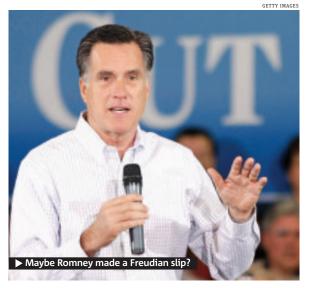
can hurt the economy.

It seems Mitt Romney is trying to have his Krugman and eat it too.

Economist Paul Krugman has long argued that our protracted economic mess is a liquidity trap caused by insufficient aggregate demand.

To put it another way, families lost so much net worth after the financial crisis that they can no longer afford to buy as much stuff. Consequently, businesses refuse to grow because they might get stuck making a bunch of stuff that no one can afford to buy. So they don't hire new people or give anyone a raise, which of course perpetuates everyone's inability to buy more stuff.

Cutting government spending worsens the problem, because what little spending money families have left is preserved by government programs like Medicare, Medicaid and federal college loans.



Some people rely on government jobs, such as police, fire-fighters and teachers. Every spending cut to these and other programs further reduces

total demand for goods and services in the economy.

Or as Krugman put it, in response to Romney: "Yep, slashing spending in a depressed

economy depresses the economy even more. And if you don't have to ... you should wait until the economy is stronger."

nstead, Krugman argues that the government must kick-start demand (and, in doing so, private sector growth) by borrowing a bunch of money and spending it on projects that not only put extra spending money in people's pockets, but get them to actually spend it instead of saving it.

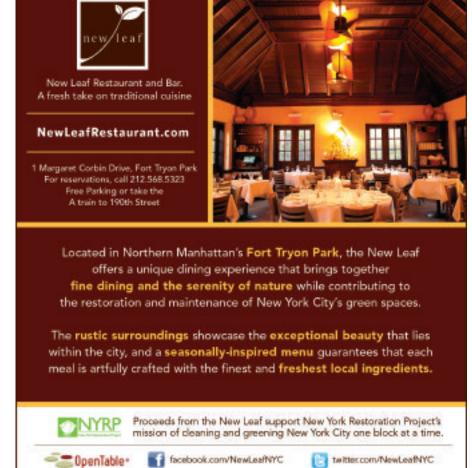
Tax cuts for the wealthy don't accomplish the latter. Corporations are already sitting on \$2 trillion in unspent cash, and studies of the Bush tax cuts indicate that the wealthy tend to save their tax cuts.

Sadly, both parties find the concept of spending our way out of recession to be so violative of common sense that few in Washington are courageous enough to lend their full-throated support to Krugman's proposals.

Even President Obama's economic advisors — who privately agreed that a return to full employment would likely necessitate a much larger stimulus — were so wary of trying to sell Congress on the counterintuitive wisdom of Krugman's arguments that they removed the strongest argument for a larger stimulus from their final recommendation to the president.

So it was that Mitt Romney, momentarily and perhaps entirely by accident, gave a false glimmer of hope to those who watch in dismay as the president and the Republican candidates race to outdo the other's proposed spending cuts. And Washington cheers while Rome burns.

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# Identity theft on the rise due to smartphone use

Nearly 12 million Americans were victims of identity theft in 2011, an increase of 13 percent over 2010, according to a report released by the research firm Javelin Strategy & Research.

The rise in the use of smartphones and social media by incautious consumers fueled the increase in identity fraud, and 2011 was a year of several big data breaches too, Javelin said.

With the rise in credit card monitoring and more sophisticated policing by credit card companies, identity thieves

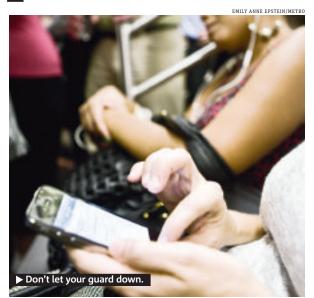
"The message is not that people should let their guard down."

JIM VAN DYKE, JAVELIN FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT are increasingly targeting users of smartphones and social media where consumers have a tendency to be less cautious, experts say.

"The message is not that people should let their guard down," Javelin founder and President Jim Van Dyke said. "The challenge that we have is that criminals often change faster than everyday consumers or businesses."

The number of people whose information was accessed in a data breach increased by 67 percent in 2011, largely due to some very highprofile thefts, such as the attacks on Sony Corp's PlayStation network in April.

Someone whose personal information is taken in a data breach is 9.5 times more likely to become a victim. **REUTERS** 



### Internet pirate wins extradition battle



U.S. crime-fighters failed in a bid to keep alleged Internet pirate Kim Dotcom behind bars yesterday when a New Zealand court freed him from jail and instead put him under effective house arrest and banned him from using the Internet.

The court, in upholding a bail application by the German founder of file-sharing website Megaupload, cast some doubt on the multimilionaire's purported flight risk pending an extradition hearing scheduled for August.

"I'm relieved to go home

and see my three little kids and my pregnant wife," a smiling Dotcom, 38, said after the ruling

He vowed to fight the eventual extradition hearing on U.S. charges of copyright piracy, racketeering and money-laundering. **REUTERS** 

#### **News in brief**



### Chavez faces fresh surgery for cancer

caracas. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's imminent departure for more cancer surgery in Cuba has thrown his re-election campaign into uncertainty and shaken the socialist leader's passionate supporters.

Though the 57-year-old played down the dangers of his condition, the announcement raises questions over his ability to stand for the October presidential vote — or rule beyond it.

Chavez, who has dominated Venezuela since taking office in 1999 and whose fierce anti-U.S. rhetoric has turned him into one of the world's best-known leaders, said he will head back to Havana for the next operation by the weekend.

He said a two-centimeter lesion had been discovered in his pelvis where surgeons removed a baseball-sized tumor in June, and that there was a high probability it was malignant. **REUTERS** 

#### Six die in Afghan Koran protest

KABUL. Afghan President Hamid Karzai appealed for calm yesterday after officials said six people were shot dead and dozens wounded in protests over the burning of copies of the Koran, Islam's holy book, at NATO's main base in the country.

The U.S. embassy said its staff were in "lockdown" and travel had been suspended as thousands of people expressed fury over the burning through protests that flared for a second day in several cities.

It was a public relations disaster for U.S.-led NATO forces fighting Taliban militants ahead of the withdrawal of foreign combat troops by the end of 2014.

The U.S. government and the American commander of NATO-led forces in Afghanistan apologized after Afghan laborers found charred copies of the Koran while collecting rubbish at the sprawling Bagram Airbase, about an hour's drive north of Kabul. REUTERS





# HEWORD



Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip **& @dorothyatmetro a dorothy.robinson@metro.us** 

# Levine's got moves like Jagger

In an interview on "The Howard Stern Show" on Tues-"The Voice" coach Adam Levine proved himself to be smart about some topics and not so bright on others.

Stern tried to get Levine to gossip about fellow mentor/judge Christina Aguilera's recent weight gain — "Why do you think she's gotten so heavy? Is she upset?" Stern prodded. "She used to be so f-ing hot ... And her clothes are too tight, right?" the shock jock continued. "When you're a plus-size woman, you can't wear the tight clothes anymore."

Levine responded diplomatically, stating: "I'm keeping my f-ing mouth shut.'

Smart of him, right? But then when the topic veered to birth control and what method Levine uses with his Russian model girlfriend, Anne V., the singer actually told the truth. "This is the longest, most functional relationship I've ever been in, I don't want to screw it up," he said. "[I use] a foolproof birth-control system, [the pull-out method]."

Gross. Isn't there a law on the books that says all men in rock 'n' roll bands have to use condoms? It's a severe public health problem if not.



#### Lohan's life 'back on track'

Lindsay Lohan received a positive report at her probation hearing yesterday in Los Angeles. Lohan completed 15 days of community service at the L.A. County Morgue and attended five therapy sessions as required, Judge Stephanie Sautner said. Sautner told Lohan she has seen a "positive change," adding that it appears the actress is "getting [her] life back on track." The judge refrained from saying anything about that wig, however.

#### Update on Houston's drug intake

A new report looks to confirm that Whitney Houston's death

earlier this month was caused by a mixture of alcohol and prescription drugs, according to Radar Online. "Whitney had taken Valium, Xanax and alcohol, which led to her death. The coroner is waiting on final toxicology

results to determine which one of the three was the major contributing factor of her demise," a source says. "The sedatives and alcohol will almost certainly be the cause of death, and not drowning. Her heart stopped

beating because her respiratory system was suppressed because of the anti-anxiety meds, and combined with the booze it probably happened very quickly before she was found partially submerged in the bathtub."

# Checking in with

some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Alec Baldwin has modest goals, Jerry Seinfeld is having trouble with his cable provider, Rihanna is too busy to celebrate and Roseanne Barr is making campaign promises.

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#### **AJerrySeinfeld**

So they're watching Knicks in Taipei but I can't get the game. #iliveheredammit

#### **Arihanna**

I can't believe I'm pullin an all nighter on my BDAY!!!

#### **ATheRealRoseanne**

I will appoint a native american as head of the dept. of Immigration.



#### Talking points

#### **Aniston: Mv** boyfriend looks like a serial killer

Adam Levine "doesn't

want to screw up" his

relationship with Russian

model girlfriend Anne V.

Jennifer Aniston admits that when she first met boyfriend Justin Theroux, she didn't immediately fall for him. In fact, she even found him more than a little off-putting. "I met Justin about

five years ago and I thought, 'Whoa," she says in an interview with "Good Morning America." "He is very sweet and he was always very nice, but I remember thinking he was very dark. At first you think he could be, like, a serial killer, but he is actually the nicest person in the world."

#### Beckham's boys get wise

David Beckham's three sons are getting older — and therefore a

bit more aware of what sorts of things their famous parents do for a living. Like, say, posing in their underwear for H&M. "They gave me a little bit of flack for that, but they're very proud of it," he tells Us Weekly, adding that they'll shout out with glee, "There's daddy in underpants on big billboards!"

#### Wilson gets attacked on Twitter

"The Office" star Rainn Wilson is



learning the hard way that some topics don't lend themselves to humor — like date rape. Wilson made a joke on Twitter about what kind of music he'd like playing if he ever were to be a victim of date rape — Led Zeppelin's "Whole Lotta Love," as it happens which set off a wave of angry responses. "Apparently my poorly conceived date rape tweet upset a lot of folks," Wilson wrote in response. "Not a good topic to joke about. Sorry and won't do that again.'

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#### The BRIT **Awards 2012** roundup

- 1. Adele won top accolades for British Female Solo Artist and Mastercard British Album of the Year at the BRIT Awards for music in London on Tuesday. But when the host tried to cut off her speech to introduce Blur, she gave the middle finger in frustration. "I'm sorry if I offended anyone but it was the suits that offended me," Adele said about the incident. "Thank you all very much and thanks to my fans. I don't want them to think I was swearing at them." The station later apologized to Adele.
- **2. Coldplay** kicked off the ceremony with a rousing performance of their song "Charlie Brown." They also took home an award for Best British Group.
- 3. Damon Albarn and Blur performed renditions of "Parklife," "Girls and Boys," "Song 2," "Tender" and "This Is a Low." Blur was also given an Outstanding Contribution to Music award.
- **4. Florence Welch** of Florence and the Machine performed while wearing a dress by Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen.
- 5. Lana Del Ray won the prize for International Breakthrough Act, beating out Bon Iver, Nicki Minaj, Aloe Blacc and Foster the People for the honor.
- **6. Rihanna**, who is on the tail end of a three-day celebration in London in honor of her 24th birthday, showed up on the red carpet. Later, she performed her hit "We Found Love."

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# Show off your pearly whites

Thinking about having your teeth whitened? Dr. Jennifer Jablow, who has beautified the smiles of the Victoria's Secret Angels, fills us in.

#### How does Boost, a treatment you offer, work?

Boost is an in-office procedure. It's about between 35 to 40 percent hydrogen peroxide what you get over the counter in white strips is between six and nine percent. [We apply this for] three 15-minute cycles. For 48 hours after you are more vulnerable to staining because the pores in your teeth that the oxygen pulled the stain out of are still open.

#### What's the deal with the Zoom procedure?

The Zoom is a 45-minute treatment. It's a whitening gel that's applied in three 15-minute cycles. It's about 35 percent per-

loans

called a UV Halide light. There's controversy on whether the light really makes it work better. I have to say, I've been having just as good if not better results with Boost. And people find it more comfortable. You don't have to stretch your mouth out, you don't have the light sitting at your jaw.

Will whitening toothpaste help? If you turn around "whitening toothpastes" they'll have a little asterisk on them: It'll say, "removes superficial stains." That's not true whitening: True whitening is when it goes into the tubes of the teeth where the pores are, where the real stains accumulate. Usually those toothpastes either have not enough peroxide to whiten, or none at all, because a good, professional level of peroxide

come out of the tube.

#### Besides coffee and red wine, what are some foods that easily stain teeth? with

Anything with pigment. Vinegar, because it's so acidic. Acidic foods and drinks soften the teeth and make them more porous to stain. Blueberries are terrible, but you should eat them because of the antioxidants. Eat your blueberries, but use a stain eraser after. [With a stain eraser] you don't have to stop eating things that you like. What are some foods that'll

#### keep your teeth white?

Very crunchy, fiberous foods naturally brush the teeth. Carrots, celery, apples and cruciferous vegetables — they're









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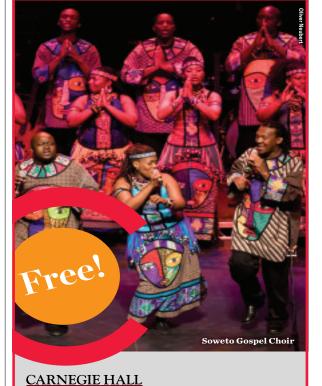
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# TV watch list

lane (Simon Baker, left) and Bret Stiles (Malcol McDowell, right) face off once again on "The Mentalist."

#### 'The Mentalist'

DRAMA. Malcolm McDowell returns as Bret Stiles, the creepy cult leader/nemesis of Patrick Jane who is on the CBI's radar once again after a former church member-turned-advocate against Stiles' group is murdered. 10 p.m., CBS

#### 'Archer'

COMEDY, Jack McBraver lends his voice to Ray's dope-farming gun nut brother from the South, who, from description alone, may also be the cousin of NBC page Kenneth. 10 p.m., FX

#### 'Grey's Anatomy'

DRAMA. A coffee shop explosion brings an influx of patients to the ER. If things really blew up as often as "Grey's" had us believe, Seattle would be considered an inhabitable disaster area. 9 p.m., ABC

#### 'Wipeout'

**REALITY.** The contestants get chased by Yetis and whacked by pucks in the final winterthemed episode. Anyone else hoping for a hockey fight with the Abominable Snowman? Season finale, 8 p.m., ABC AMBER RAY

## Reasons to hit the movies this weekend

the lead character's last name is Deeds! Get it? Tyler Perry writes, directs and stars in this story about a successful man who is jolted out of his predictable existence by doing .. come on. Want to guess? Good deeds!

'Gone' Amanda Seyfried plays a woman haunted by the abduction of her sister. When she begins to believe the kidnapper is back for her, she sets out to face him head-on.

'Act of Valor' Actual active duty Navy SEALs star in this depiction of modern-day special operations. Cutting-edge military technology and maneuvers put viewers right in the middle of the action spanning from Chechnya to the Ukraine to Somalia.

'Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance' The Nicholas



'Wanderlust' Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston star in this Judd Apatow-produced comedy

Cage franchise about a man afflicted with spirit of the Ghost Rider returns, this time to save a

child possessed by the devil.

'This Means War' It's not unrealistic to picture two men fighting over Reese Witherspoon, but if those two

about an unemployed couple who go in search of an unconventional life on a hippie

men are Chris Pine and Tom Hardy, playing stealthy spies hell-bent on sabotaging each other's attempts to woo her, well, that makes it unbelievable and possibly awesome.

'The Secret World of Arrietty' The Japanese adaptation of

boasts a voice cast that includes Will Arnett and Amy Poehler.

'Thin Ice' An insurance salesman (Greg Kinnear) believes he's found a way to make some quick cash, but his plan to steal one of his client's (Alan Arkin) possessions goes off the rails once a con man (Billy Crudup) aets involved.

'Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace' Do you think you might like Jar Jar Binks a little more if you could see him in 3-D? George Lucas hopes so.

'Journey 2: The 10 'Journey 2: The Mysterious Island' The sequel to 2008's "Journey to the Center of the Earth" proposes that the places described in "Treasure Island," "Gulliver's Travels" and "Mysterious Island" were all the same site.

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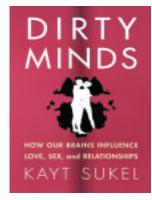
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# The science of love

cience has told us so many definitive things about the way our world works, but matters of the heart are still largely a mystery, no matter how much study has been dedicated to figuring out how the human brain operates when in love. Just ask Kayt Sukel, author of "Dirty Minds: How Our Brains Influence Love, Sex and Relationships." Sukel investigated a wealth of neurological studies meant to suss out our genetic tendencies when it comes to mating, but her inspiration to do so came from a very relatable place.

"I was looking for the same thing that anyone with a broken heart trolling the self-help aisle was," she says. "I was looking for some actionable advice — something that sort of made sense and really explained what love was. That's not exactly what I found. I didn't find those 'five ways to make him love you.' I didn't find any rules"

Disappointing? Sure. Sukel

Q&A

Sukel

Which animal is the closest to humans in terms of mating?

"A little rodent called the prairie vole," Sukel says. "Not only do they pair-bond for life, but they're also alloparentals — which means that both the moms and dads take care of the babies. They're the best model we have to study these kinds of behaviors especially in terms of looking at the brain and what's going on there in terms of neurochemical genetics."

says that so many factors can affect the brain's behavior that it's close to impossible to come up with any hard-and-fast rules of human behavior when love is involved.

"I found that our brains are plastic, love relationships are complicated even down to the cellular level and whenever you introduce all of these variables together, you get a different situation every time," Sukel says.

But there is one bit of validation Sukel found that will be useful to any woman who has been the victim of infidelity.

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"There's this whole camp that says that men are built to cheat," Sukel says. "That its just their evolutionary strategy, but we've evolved also with this huge frontal lobe and of course that's the center of decision-making and morality. We've come a long way from the idea that our biology compels us. There's always a choice."

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since 1956, doling out advice

to single women. No, this is not a dude in his mid-70s still

can be held only as long as the

man giving the advice is still single. Well, one Jake in partic-

ular had to hang up his colum-

nist hat recently, but he has continued to share his wisdom

with a new book. "Always Hit

on the Wingman ... And 9 Other Secret Rules for Getting

the Love Life You Want" offers

10 great tips that will help

women relax and learn to love

the dating game. In order to

protect his anonymity, we e-

mailed to asked Jake a few questions about the book.

This advice about hitting on

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# 'Always hit on the wingman'

• And other bits of wisdom from Glamour magazine's male advice columnist, 'Jake' > Though his identity remains a secret, one of the last men to hold the title reveals his best insights for helping women find love

the friend of the person you're interested in is great, but I'm wondering if you could offer additional advice about fending off the slightly misled wingman. discussing the finer points of "booty calls." Many men have shared his name, and the title

Eye contact. It's all about eye contact. While you're making chit-chat with his nice neutered friend, give your target the odd glance. You don't need to shoot ardirectly into the target's bullseye, just send a few warning shots his way. Let him know his friend doesn't have all your attention.

Men say that they love to be

hit on, but there's the school of thought that insists that men want to be the ones to chase. What are your thoughts?

We definitely love to chase. That doesn't mean we don't want to be hit on. This backand-forth defines the art of flirting — and to some extent, Q&A

What's the number one thing that women get wrong about men when it comes to dating?

Not taking control; playing the dating "game." If you like a guy, stop reviewing the 150 tips your friends and magazines have given you about "making him like you," and walk over and buy him a drink. What's the worst thing that's going to happen? It takes confidence to do that. Confidence is the sexiest.

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#### Name one fictional character who embraces all 10 of your rules, and why?

Joey Potter, from "Dawson's Creek." She lived across the creek from Dawson and was his best friend. Then she fell in love with him, and then his best friend fell in love with her. And so on. Hollywood is disastrous in its representation of women and Joey was a rare standout character. She knew how sexy she was — Joey's smarts made her a prize and she rocked them, hard. She made Pacey wait for the right time for sex, didn't pretend to care about sports, and, if it's not obvious: She knew to hit on the wingman.



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can. Love, Daddy

► To My Beauty Christina! My love, the way we are together makes my life whole. I praise God for what our life holds for the future. Love you! - Ruben

Im so proud to be ur wife Habibi. Love 4 ever, Boobani. ▶ Jim - from the start life has been wonderful with you. ILYA.

Bacione, Frank Esposo, from pura vida to farm cows to Brooklyn, even though we think differently about nearly every thing, I'm glad we agreed on getting hitched. Esposa

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# For happy campers, ask these questions

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#### Is the camp accredited?

Your child's safety is the paramount issue here, so ask a lot of questions before you sign up. Is the camp accredited by the American Camp Association, and can they provide references? Have they been recently inspected for compliance in all requirements — and if so, were there any incidents of failure? How often are campers repeat guests? Are you allowed to visit your child and inspect the facilities?

#### Are camp employees and volunteers rigorously screened?

Summer camp is no place for a child molester, but they tend to gravitate to where children are. Are all staff members including full-time employees and volunteers — rigorously screened? Are felons hired? Is a physical required? All of these questions are important to the safety of your child.



#### **How much**

experience does

the staff have?

How much experience and training does each staff member have in childcare, CPR and first aid? What training is required before hiring? How much experience do they have in their areas of expertise such as water activities, horseback riding, camping, hiking, archery and so on?

#### Are there emergency and disaster plans in place?

In the event of an emergency or disaster, what is the summer camp's procedure for caring for the children and notifying parents? Is there a safe place in case of flood or tornado? Can sick children be quarantined until parents pick them up? Are there regular fire and disaster drills? These are all questions you have a right to ask

#### What is the camp diet?

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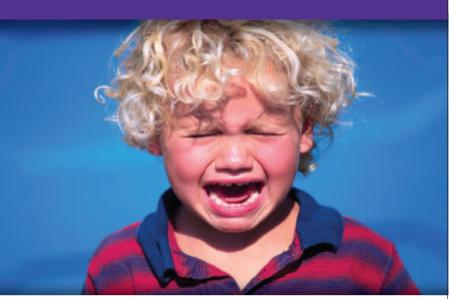
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#### Virginia, where women's rights die

For both chambers of the General Assembly of Virginia to pass legislation that requires transvaginal ultrasounds of women seeking abortions and cuts state aid to poor women seeking abortions is outrageous! I have a new slogan for the state of Virginia. "Virginia: where women's rights are nonexistent."

ROBERT LA ROSA, WHITESTONE, NY

It's a woman's choice (with her husband, family, etc.) to create life - and therefore to not create life, which is not murder, as believers say. As in medicine and much else, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Vasectomies are covered, so all safe birth control should be too.

I. ANDREW SMITH, BLOOMFIELD, NI

#### Re: 'Read a book no. another book'

Thank you Michael, for your clear summary of Rick Santorum's twisted views on science. I'm also struck by the duplicitous irony of his arguments centering on humanity's "dominion over the Earth." He claims that it's best that humanity is in charge of the planet because "we're intelligent and we can actually manage things." But when people raise legitimate concerns (driving species to extinction, releasing toxic materials, altering the planet's climate, etc.) regarding those management skills, he then dismissively labels them as Earthworshippers. If we have people running the government who can't distinguish between what they'd like the world to be and what is actually going on, then how are any of our problems going to get solved? With lots of aspirin, perhaps?

KARL HUFFMAN, VIA E-MAIL

"Rick Santorum accused President Obama of holding a 'phony theology' that places the environment over humans."

Somehow, it is insincere to the point of pretension to believe that our planet needs to be protected. Santorum may not intend to pillage the Earth of its bounty, but I am dismayed that he chooses to characterize the beliefs of those who do care about the

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planet and the possible negative effects human activity has upon it as phony. DAVID TERHUNE, BROOKLYN

Mr. Frosch misses one small point in his otherwise excellent column, namely how Santorum's own words prove him a hypocrite. If, as he claims, humanity was put on this Earth as its steward, that gives us a God-given obligation to care for and maintain it. Santorum rejects such an obligation and seems happy to ravage the land down to the bedrock, leaving literally nothing for future generations. That this man is considered worthy of the presidency is utterly horrifying. JOSEPH CONNELL, BROOKLYN

#### Re: 'New war debate' letter

The statement "If Israel strikes Iran, it will NOT be because of any nuclear threat. Follow the money!" is the purest nonsense you've ever printed.

PAUL SIMONS, VIA E-MAIL

#### Horoscope

H Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. When you take on a leadership role it becomes you — timidity doesn't. Don't be afraid or hesitant to assert vourself if and when conditions reauire vou to do so.

T Aries March 21-April 19. Although you're normally a very gregarious and outgoing person, you do have your withdrawn moments. It's likely to be one of those days.

¥ Taurus April 20-May 20. As long as your hopes and expectations aren't based on a selfish premise, things will have a way of working out quite well for you. Sometimes it pays to yield to your own inclinations.

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m I\hspace{-.1em}I}$  Gemini May 21-June 20. If you're unobtrusive when going after a personal objective, things will work much better for you. Do what needs doing without using others to accomplish your aims.

Gancer June 21-July 22. By not taking yourself or life too seriously, it could turn out to be a productive day for you. As you go about your duties, treat life philosophically and roll with the punches.

lent time to get to the bottom of a matter of profound personal importance. Your abilities to probe, dig and detect are likely to be much sharper than usual.

TV Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. When you find yourself able to bounce ideas off people whose intelligence you respect, it could be especially rewarding and enlightening.

← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Because the dull and the ordinary tend to turn you off, try to focus on creative or imaginative projects as much as you can. You'll be proud of the productive results you get.

M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Your concern for the well being of others will be very apparent to everyone with whom you're involved. This facet of yours is what makes you so popular with your friends.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Nothing will give you more gratification than finishing what you start. It will be especially meaningful if it's something that you've wanted to get to for a long time.

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Try to do what Kipling suggested many vears ago: Dream, but don't make dreams your master; think, but don't make thoughts your aim. Use your mind for practical, productive purposes.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Interesting financial conditions surround you. There's a chance you might sell something you don't possess, but have in inventory and can easily get your hands on

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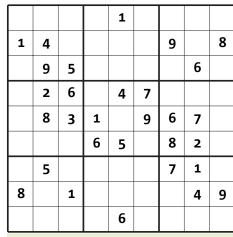
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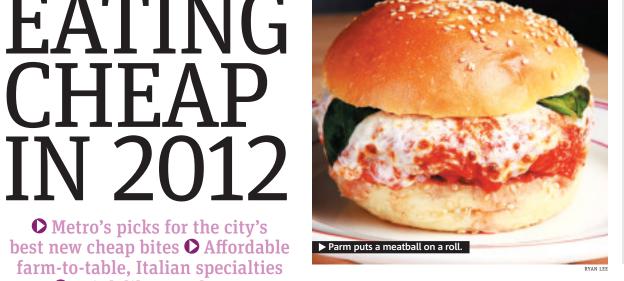
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#### concert to benefit HIAS. **Sharon Van Etten**

Friday, 8 p.m. Music Hall of Williamsburg 66 N. Sixth St., Brooklyn \$18-\$20, 718-486-5400 www.musichallof williamsburg.com The Brooklyn-based

singer/songwriter brings her dark intimacy to the Music Hall of Williamsburg to perform songs from her breakthrough new album, "Tramp," a record featuring the likes of Beirut's Zach Condon and The National's Aaron Dessner. Van Etten also plays Bowery Ballroom on Saturday and Sunday.

#### Van Halen

Feb. 28 and March 1, 8 p.m. **Madison Square Garden 4 Penn Plaza** \$97-\$172, 212-465-6741 www.thegarden.com

After playing a more intimate, surprise show at Cafe Wha, recently reunited David Lee Roth & Co. find themselves filling a more appropriate performance space, playing familiar hits such as "Panama," "Right Now," "Hot for Teacher" and "Jump," as well as tunes from "A Different Kind of Truth "the first Van Halen album to feature Roth since 1984. MIKE HILLEARY

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# A change of Heartless

Dastards are back with a more band-like lineup and a sense of humor about their 'Arrow' Singer says she's where she 'always wanted to be'



There's only one course of action when you're a band called Heartless Bastards and your album is ready for release in midwinter. Release it on Valentine's Day. Especially if it's titled "Arrow" - as in the sharp thing that is Cupid's trademark.

"The title is pure coincidence," insists front gal Erika Wennerstrom. thought it would be funny to release a Heartless Bastards record on Valentine's Day."

Wennerstrom,

#### If you go

**Heartless Bastards** with Hacienda Friday, 6 p.m. **Webster Hall** 125 E. 11th St. \$20, 212-353-1600

her label insisted people don't

remember release dates anyway, and she agreed.

"I couldn't remember the release date of any album I've ever bought," she says. "I thought, 'It's funny, let's go with it."

On a personal and personnel level, "Arrow" is the calm after a considerable storm. Wennerstrom's breakup with her bassist/boyfriend was well documented on their third album, "The Mountain," but the "Mountain" touring lineup of

#### **Pointed** 'Arrow'

"Arrow" was the first album Wennerstrom had written for the band as a quartet. In many ways, she says it resulted in less pressure: "The songs always had that space, and I attempted to add those additional parts myself. This is the first time we have been able to make use of that space in a cohesive way. On 'The Mountain,' it was studio musicians filling the spaces. I feel like my guitar playing is a bit limited," she adds humbly. "I hear a sound that I'm not always capable of playing, and Mark's able to add to the songs what I don't feel capable of."

drummer Dave Colvin, bassist Jesse Ebagh and guitarist Mark Nathan coalesced while making "Arrow."

"As people, we're a team," says Wennerstrom. "I feel I'm in a good place in my life and have gotten back to who I am. Where the band is at right now is where I've always wanted to be, musically. It took me a while to get there."



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Tuesday, 8 p.m. 92nd Street Y 1395 Lexington Ave. \$29, 212-415-5500 Co-founder of "Ms." magazine, Gloria Steinem, sits down with NY1's Budd Mishkin to talk about



her lifelong experiences as a feminist leader, writer and activist. She'll be sure to discuss her views and arguments on such politically and socially charged topics as abortion, same-sex marriage, pornography, genital mutilation and human trafficking.

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Tipples are dominated by fresh takes on centuries-old standbys, from a rye Manhattan touched up with chamomile grappa and elder-flower bitters to old-fashioneds like the gin, kaffir lime, celery bitters Thornybush. There's also the anejo, cherry bark, vanilla bitters and mezcal drink named Brush of the

Putting the same dedication into the food, everything from bacon to butter is made onsite.

with nibbles including roasted marrow with sweet and sour cipollini and mushrooms to quail egg-topped sliders filled with pork shoulder braised in cider.

Real-deal dinner, meanwhile, includes a "nine spice" lamb chop with saffron and fregola, salmon a la plancha with lemon-thyme beurre blanc and an heirloom polenta from the Finger Lakes.

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#### In the news

#### **Shumpert out**

Knicks rookie Iman Shumpert won't be bringing Jeremy Lin to the Dunk Contest after all.

Shumpert has pulled out of the contest with a left knee injury he sustained against Dallas on Sunday. He's now missed the Nets and Hawks games.

Lin was supposed to be Shumpert's helper. Instead, fans will have to settle for Utah's Jeremy Evans.

# Lin leads Knicks win

Point guard continues solid play, posts 17 points, nine assists in blowout
Team led by 25 at the half ● Huge game against Miami awaits tonight

The Knicks were able to accomplish a multitude of missions last night in their 99-82 pummeling of the undermanned Hawks.

Not only was head coach Mike D'Antoni able to tinker with different lineups on the floor, but the Knicks were also able to rest key players in preparation for tonight's critical matchup in Miami.

The Knicks (17-17) were never really threatened, as they used a 16-0 first-quarter run to stymie a Hawks (19-14) squad that was without all-star swingman Joe Johnson.

Five players reached double-figure scoring, led by Jeremy Lin's team-high tying 17 points. Lin also added nine assists and two steals.

The Knicks came out the gate so dominant defensively—a phrase rarely uttered during D'Antoni's tenure—that the Hawks shot only 35 percent from the field, including zero percent from 3 (0-for-9). For the game, Atlanta shot 40 percent from the field, including just 27 percent from 3.

Atlanta went on a 19-2 run during the third quarter to get within 14 but the Knicks showed their superiority by



going on a 17-2 run of their own in the fourth quarter to put it out of reach.

The bench spearheaded the fourth-quarter charge, as

Baron Davis, J.R. Smith and Steve Novak were the leaders.

Amar'e Stoudemire had a quiet game, but did add seven points and 10 rebounds, while Landry Fields added 15 points and seven boards.





# What went right ...

Spread it out — Every player who checked in for New York got into the scoring column, as D'Antoni was able to go deep into his bench. Tying Lin with 17 points, including five 3-pointers, was Steve Novak, while swingman J.R. Smith had 12 points off the bench.

Broken wing — The Hawks' lone all-star, swingman Joe Johnson, didn't play which meant there was a huge void for Atlanta. The Knicks capitalized as their wings, including guard Landry Fields and forward Carmelo Anthony had nice games.

No comeback—
There's been little correlation between a Mike D'Antoni squad and defense, but tonight was a breakout game.
They held the Hawks to just 35 points in the first half. METRO/TW



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#### **Baseball power**

Chicks dig the long ball. That's why getting these big bats later in drafts is vital:

Paul Goldschmidt, 1B, ARZ -The 6-foot-3, 244pounder



smashed 30 homers in the minors last year and then eight more after a lateseason callup. He's now locked into the starting role in a hitter's park.

Ike Davis, 1B, NYM -The devastating ankle injury is behind him, and the fences at Citi Field have been brought in. Davis won't be 25 until March, but already has 26 homers in 183 career



The game plan sounds simple: Power hitters and speed early in drafts, starting pitchers later on.

That's an unexploitable strategy, until our ERA and WHIP spiral out of control before April ends. The only way it works is if we know what starters to target in the middle-to-late rounds.

#### **Ex-closers**

Pitchers often become closers because they throw hard and strike people out. That's also the kind of upside we're looking for in our starters. This year, ex-closers Neftali Feliz (Rangers) and Chris Sale (White Sox) are expected to get their shots every fifth day. Daniel Bard (Red Sox) and Aroldis Chapman (Reds) are also starting candidates.

#### Pitcher's parks

When we think about ballparks where runs go to die, the first place that comes to mind is San Diego's Petco Park. That's what makes Cory Luebke so exciting. Max Scherzer is off a down year. but still calls Detroit's



cavernous confines home. And for a deep sleeper, Oakland's Brandon McCarthy had a 2.65 ERA at home last year.

#### **Young guns**

When all else fails, we look for young prospects with impressive pedigrees. We know that Tampa's **Matt Moore** fits the bill, while Atlanta's Mike Minor and Texas' Yu Darvish have major upside as well.

#### **Isaiah Thomas**

#### PG, Kings

Thomas was the last pick in this year's draft and is 5-foot-9. He's also an explosive playmaker and new starter.

#### **Andray Blatche**

#### ▶ PF, Wizards

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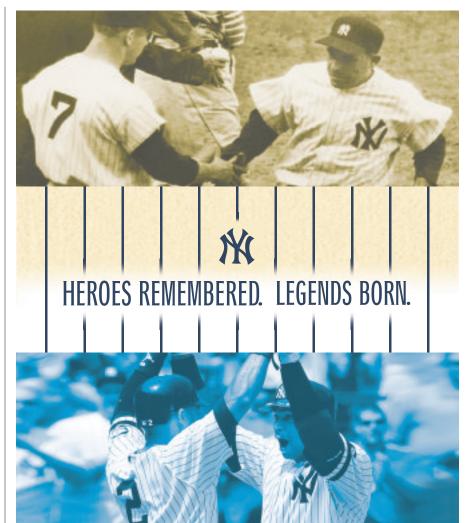
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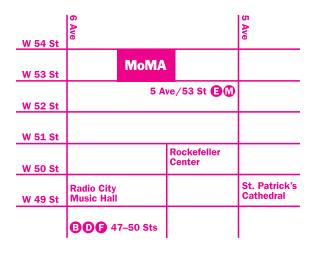
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